

**CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – May 2, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Luke Messinger called the Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 6:57 pm at the City of Gahanna.

ROLL CALL:

<u>Present:</u>	Diane Cantrell
	Marlene Eader
	Luke Messinger
	Dot Micacchion
	Eric Miller
	Dave Thom
	Vincent Tremante

In attendance from the City Administration was Tony Collins, Director, Troy Euton, Deputy Director, Department of Parks & Recreation.

Messinger stated the Parks & Recreation board will be taking a recess to join the Planning Commission Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Thom made a **MOTION** to approve the April 4, 2007 meeting minutes; seconded by Miller. **On roll call vote:** Messinger, Yes, Micacchion, Yes, Miller, Yes, Thom, Yes, Tremante, Yes, Cantrell, Abstain and Eader, Abstain. **The motion carried 5 –2 abstains.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Thom made a **MOTION** to approve the May 2, 2007 agenda; seconded by Tremante. **On roll call vote:** Micacchion, Yes, Miller, Yes, Thom, Yes, Tremante, Yes, Cantrell, Yes, Eader, Yes and Messinger, Yes. **The motion carried 7 – 0.**

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Lynne Vermillion 647 Ridenour Road Gahanna, Ohio; distributed a letter to the Parks & Recreation Board regarding a proposal to establish a Gahanna Dog Park Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Committee would be to coordinate and integrate activities at the Pooch Playground with the goals and priorities of the City of Gahanna and the Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation, to the coordination process so that the Pooch Playground can continue to improve function as a benefit to the community and to make recommendations concerning the physical layout, structure,

rules and policies affecting the dog park. Ms. Vermillion request that the proposal be discussed at the next Parks & Recreation Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cell Tower

Tony Collins stated the cell tower was formally presented to the Planning Commission. There was much discussion regarding the placement, fencing, height of tower.

At this time 7:10 pm the Parks & Recreation Board recessed to the Planning Commission meeting.

At this time 7:42 pm the Parks & Recreation Board reconvened to their regular Board meeting.

Cell tower continued:

Eader discussed the concerns of parents when the Board of Education was considering placing a cell tower at a school. Eader would like more discussion on the cell tower and make sure the public is informed.

City code is being re-written regarding cell towers. The cell tower discussion was placed on the agenda for both the Parks & Recreation Board and the Planning Commission meetings. The Planning Commission process provides the public meeting. At this time there have not been any public comments of the cell tower at Academy.

The Board members discussed the location and financial incentive of the cell tower at Academy Park. The Board would like to relocate the playground away from the tower and see some landscaping to camouflage the base of the tower, building and fence.

Bond Program

Tony Collins discussed the Bond program presented to Council on March 26, 2007 by management. The most questions were directed to parks and the amount of money proposed for parks.

The Bond Program will provide funding for ten (10) Capital Projects. Each set of projects are on one ordinance. The five parks projects are on one ordinance. Each ordinance will come up separately for council vote. It is possible that each ordinance can each receive different votes. The Parks department has provided as much information as possible to Council regarding the park projects.

The projects have to be 75% completed within 18 months and 100% completed in three (3) years.

Animal Free Zones - POSTPONED

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation and Fee Waiver Request

The Board reviewed the donation requests. The organizations making donation request are:

1. Royal Manor Elementary - May 11, 2007 Spring Carnival Fundraiser
2. Chapelfield Elementary School – June 1, 2007 – PTO Carnival Fundraiser
3. Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio – June 9, 2007, 2007 – Annual golf Scramble Fundraiser.
4. Hospice of Central Ohio – June 15, 2007 – 10th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser
5. Columbus Destroyers – June 11, 2007 – Golf Outing Fundraiser
6. David Brizius request a fee waiver for the use of Woodside Green Park on May 6, 2007 for C.A.M.P. A non-profit youth camp for Gahanna area youth.
7. WOOF (Westies of Ohio Fundraisers) requests a fee waiver for the use of Friendship Park on June 9, 2007.
8. MOMs Club of Gahanna requests a fee waiver for the use of Friendship Parks on July 14, 2007.
9. AAC Resources, Inc. requests a fee waiver for the use of Friendship Park on September 9, 2007.

Eader made a **MOTION** that the Board supports the recommendation of four golf passes for Chapelfield Elementary School, two golf passes to Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio, Hospice of Central Ohio, and the Columbus Destroyers; seconded by Thom. **On roll call vote:** Tremante, Yes, Cantrell, Yes, Eader, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Micacchion, yes, Miller, Yes and Thom, Yes. **Motion carried 7- 0 and was approved.**

Miller made a **MOTION** that the Board support the recommendation of four pool passes for Royal Manor Elementary School; seconded by Eader. **On roll call vote:** Cantrell, yes, Eader, yes, Messinger, Yes, Micacchion, Yes, Miller, Yes, Thom, Yes and Tremante, Yes. **Motion carried 7 - 0 and was approved.**

Cantrell made a **MOTION** that the Board support the recommendation of a fee waiver to David Brizius for C.A.M.P. for the use of Woodside Green Park, Westies of Ohio Fundraisers, MOMs Club of Gahanna and AAC Resources, Inc. for use of Friendship Park; seconded by Eader. **On roll call vote:** Eader, No, Messinger, No, Micacchion, No, Miller, No, Thom, No, Tremante, No and Cantrell, No. **The motion was voted down 7 – 0.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

The Board received a thank you letter from Ohio State University, Ohio State Calling for the Golf pass donations in April.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Collins distributed the Director's Report, a letter regarding staff changes and a new table of organization for the Department of Parks & Recreation.

Collins stated that Betty Cramer from the Gahanna Historical Society is receiving the National Wildlife Association award from the Sierra Club on May 19, 2007. The award is for removing invasive plants, planting native plants and the restoration of the bank along the Big Walnut. Collins invited the Board to attend the award presentation.

COMMITTEES' REPORT

Bikeway Advisory Committee

Meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2007

Community Improvement Corporation (C.I.C.)

Cantrell attended the meeting on May 1, 2007. The CIC passed a grant to OGCP and the work that they are doing. The team discussed the convention banquet conference facility that will be at Creekside. The space is 10,000 sq. ft. on the second floor of building B.

Creekside Development Team meeting

Miller attended the meeting and received updates on Creekside. The dedication date has been moved to late fall.

Natural Resource Advisory Committee

Tremante attended the meeting; the initial inventory is complete for Academy Park. The information will be compiled and put into GIS at a later time. The inventory will begin June 2, 2007 for Hannah Park. The committee would like to get the information in the paper hoping to get additional volunteers.

Tremante stated he would like to see more committee members and corporations involved in Natural Resource Week next year.

Foundation Committee

No updates at this time

Veterans Memorial Committee

No updates at this time

Gahanna Jefferson School Board

Eader stated that the school system will go through a re-districting due to the overcrowding at some elementary schools and low enrollment at others.

POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:

Tremante would like to have the rain garden area at Friendship Park staked off so the

area will not be mowed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Board at this time, Tremante made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by Miller. The motion carried, unanimously.

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2007

Luke Messinger, Chair